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ATTENTION UNDER SECRETARY COOPER

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAID, FR, XA
SUBJ: GISCARD INITIATIVE CONCERNING NEW AID FOR
AFRICA

REFS: (A) STATE 095668, (B) BONN 08028

1. EMBASSY ECONOMIC MINISTER SAW FROMENT-MEURICE,
QUAI DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MAY 5, AND ASKED
HIM IF THERE WERE NEW DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE
PROPOSED MEETING OF EXPERTS AT PARIS. FROMENT-MEURICE
REPLIED THAT "UNDER SECRETARY COOPER'S SUGGESTION HAD
NOT BEEN NEGLECTED." IT HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO THE
ATTENTION OF THE ELYSEE ALONG WITH THE DETAILS OF
FROMENT-MEURICE'S CONVERSATIONS IN WASHINGTON. HE WAS
SIMPLY WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS SO FAR. HE GAVE HIS OWN
OPINION THAT, DESPITE THE "CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE" IN
WASHINGTON, THERE WAS SOME DANGER THAT THE ORIGINAL
POLITICAL AIMS OF GISCARD'S PROPOSAL MIGHT GET LOST IN
THE SHUFFLE. HE THOUGHT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD
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APPRECIATED THE POLITICAL POINT. ONE SHOULD NOT BE TOO
BOUND BY TECHNICAL ECONOMIC CRITERIA.

2. WE DID NOT OF COURSE ATTEMPT TO DEBATE THE ISSUES
WITH FROMENT-MEURICE. SPECIFICALLY, WE DID NOT MENTION
GOVERNOR GILLIGAN'S CONVERSATIONS IN BONN (REFTEL B)
NOR DID HE MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT ATTITUDES OF OTHER

COUNTRIES.

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